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SOFIA FOR NARCOTICS COORDINATOR SIMPSON FROM WALTZ;
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1. DURING OB VISIT OF NARCOTICS ATTACHE WALTZ TO WASHINGTON,
DC DEQ HQS., ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH US CUSTOMS HQS. FOR
BRIEF MEETING OF WALTZ AND AUSTRIAN CHIEF OF CENTRAL NARCOTICS
DEPT. DR. ERNST HOFFMANN WITH BULGARIAN CUSTOMS DIRECTOR
GENERAL BONEV AND CHIEF OF NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION DIVISION
ZVETKOV. BULGARIAN COLLEAGUES EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND DISCUSS CURRENT NARCOTICS CONTROL
SITUATION IN EUROPE AS WELL AS THEIR PROGRAM ITINERARY IN U.S.

2. WALTZ USED OPPORTUNITY OF THIS MEETING AT U.S. CUSTOMS TO
PRAISE BULGARIAN CUSTOMS FOR NEAR RECORD NARCOTICS SEIZURES
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THIS YEAR AND TO CITE AUG 10, 1976 SEIZURE OF 1500 KILOS

HASHISH PLUS SEVEN KILOS OPIUM AT KALOTINA AS EXAMPLE OF
EFFICIENT BULGARIAN CUSTOMS INSPECTION. PHOTOS OF
TRUCKS AND SEIZURE PROVIDED BY ZVETKOV DURING OCTOBER
MEETING IN SOFIA WERE EXHIBITED AND EXPLAINED BY ZVETKOV.

3. BONEV AND ZVETKOV RELATED THEIR PLANS TO ATTEND
DEC 6-10 UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE OF POLICE AND CUSTOMS
NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN GENEVA. THIS
CONFERENCE IS FOLLOW-UP OF VIENNA CONFERENCE OF JUNE
1975, AND IS ANTICIPATED BY BULGARIANS AS OCCASION FOR
PROPOSING CERTAIN AGREEMENTS WITH EUROPEAN CUSTOMS AND
POLICE AGENCIES RELATIVE TO INSPECTION OF SOME SUSPECT
TRUCKS AT DELIVERY SITES. ZVETKOV ALSO EXPRESSED OPINION
THAT VIENNA AREA IS LOCATION FOR INCREASING INSTANCES
OF HASHISH TRANSFERS.

4. ITINERARY FOR BONEV AND ZVETKOV, AS ESCORTED BY US
CUSTOMS SPECIAL AGENT JAMES I. HUBERT FROM SAN FRANCISCO
CUSTOMS OFFICE, WAS WASHDC TO MIAMI TO SEATTLE TO SAN
FRANCISCO TO SAN DIEGO TO NEW YORK. THEY ANTICIPATE
RETURNING TO SOFIA ON NOV. 27.

5. ON LEAVING, BONEV AND ZVETKOV BOTH EXPRESSED THEIR
PLEASURE THAT THIS MEETING WITH WALTZ COULD BE ARRANGED IN
U.S. BONEV ASKED THAT WALTZ CONTINUE CONTACTS THROUGH
FUTURE MESSAGES AND VISITS TO SOFIA. DECONTROL UPON
RECEIPT. BUCHANAN

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